

invention, forming a generally rectangular planar surface 12 having a first vertical edge 14 parallel to and opposite from a second vertical edge 15. As will be described in greater detail below, it is envisioned in a preferred embodiment that a plurality of linearly aligned bibs 10 will be formed, manufactured, packaged, and provided in a rolled form for ease of dispensing and use. To accommodate the manufacturing of such a rolled assembly, it is envisioned that the first vertical edge 14 be straight and smooth, and parallel to the second vertical edge 15, which is also envisioned to be equally straight and smooth. Extending downward from the main planar surface 12 at the lower boundary of the bib 10 is a concave lower protrusion 16. In its best mode, this lower protrusion is formed in a symmetric, curvilinear manner having an upward arching lowermost point that smoothly transitions at each end to a horizontal extension at each of the side-most portions of the lower perimeter edge of the bib 10. In its best mode, this upper indentation 20 is formed in a symmetric, curvilinear manner having an upward arching lowermost point that smoothly transitions at each end such that the lowermost point 23 of the indentation 20 is approximately one-half inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch) below a line drawn between the points at each of the side-most portions of the upper perimeter edge of the bib 10. As will be described in greater detail below, it is envisioned in a preferred embodiment that a plurality of linearly aligned bibs 10 will be formed, manufactured, packaged, and provided in a rolled form for ease of dispensing and use. To accommodate the manufacturing of such a rolled assembly, it is envisioned that the convex upper indentation 20 is capable of mating smoothly with the concave lower protrusion 16 of a separate but adjacent bib 10, thereby allowing such a roll of preformed bibs to be manufactured and packaged in a similar manner as and utilizing similar conventional

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equipment as is currently utilized in the manufacture and packaging of perforated rolled paper towels. In this manner, it has been found that a perforation formed at two tears per inch would provide sufficient bib element separation.--

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--Referring to FIG. 2-4, an additional functional element of the present invention includes a supporting means for retaining an individual bib element 10 in a vertical, supported location below a user's neck, over the user's chest, and optionally above the user's lap. It is envisioned that a variety of such supporting means can be utilized, individually or in combination, for providing this retaining function. For example, a separate environmental structure 21, such as a chain, clip, strap, or the like, can be mechanical affixed to each upper tab 22 and around the wearer's neck in order to support the bib element 10. However, the preferred embodiment is incorporated in a neck ring perforation 24 placed near, but slightly below the uppermost edge, and formed in a circular manner, forms a head opening. As shown, the neck ring perforation 24 is placed, at its center, 3-1/2 inches below the lowermost point 23 of the indentation 20. Such a perforation is formed at three tears per inch. It is envisioned that the overall diameter of the neck ring perforation 24 would be approximately four inches, centered about the vertical centerline. The formation of such a neck ring perforation 24 allows the formation of a neck opening orifice while providing an additional level of strength to prevent said orifice from causing the tearing of the bib element material completely to the side edge.--

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